

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 58-03  
Bill No.: HB 281  
Subject: Elections: Political Parties  
Type: Original  
Date: February 2, 2001

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

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## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

**Secretary of State** officials stated this proposal would have no fiscal impact to their office.

**St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners** officials stated there would be no fiscal impact.

**Kansas City Board of Election Commissioners** officials stated this proposal may have the effect of increasing the number of election contests, but there is no way to tell. Officials stated that legal costs to the election authority may be born by the authority. Officials stated that expenses are not likely to be great, possibly \$1,000 or less in a given primary. Officials stated for example, in August, 1998, election contest, recount and legal costs were \$8,639.35.

**Oversight** assumes election authorities currently pay for legal costs due to contested elections, therefore, Oversight assumes no fiscal impact to local governments.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	\$0	\$0	\$0

### FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

### DESCRIPTION

This bill clarifies that all candidates for nomination to public office may contest primary elections. The bill also gives candidates for county party committees the right to challenge their election results.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Secretary of State  
St.Louis County Board of Election Commission  
Kansas City Board of Election Commission



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